



Centre County, Pennsylvania

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2006

Data Set: 2006 American Community Survey

Survey: American Community Survey

NOTE. Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, it is the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program that produces and disseminates the [official estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns](#) and estimates of housing units for states and counties.

For more information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [Survey Methodology](#).

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HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		
Total households	50,014	+/-1,622
Family households (families)	28,422	+/-1,485
With own children under 18 years	11,438	+/-929
Married-couple families	24,459	+/-1,556
With own children under 18 years	8,988	+/-973
Male householder, no wife present	1,386	+/-513
With own children under 18 years	1,002	+/-416
Female householder, no husband present	2,577	+/-746
With own children under 18 years	1,448	+/-590
Nonfamily households	21,592	+/-1,564
Householder living alone	15,399	+/-1,779
65 years and over	4,147	+/-681
Households with one or more people under 18 years	12,296	+/-958
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	10,371	+/-537
Average household size	2.48	+/-0.08
Average family size	3.03	+/-0.10
RELATIONSHIP		
Household population	124,059	+/-423
Householder	50,014	+/-1,622
Spouse	24,256	+/-1,506
Child	29,610	+/-1,847
Other relatives	3,769	+/-961
Nonrelatives	16,410	+/-2,631
Unmarried partner	2,411	+/-729
MARITAL STATUS		
Males 15 years and over	62,121	+/-845
Never married	29,966	+/-1,617
Now married, except separated	26,275	+/-1,498
Separated	882	+/-469
Widowed	1,446	+/-380
Divorced	3,552	+/-770
Females 15 years and over	60,021	+/-744
Never married	25,882	+/-1,620
Now married, except separated	25,231	+/-1,594
Separated	1,098	+/-536
Widowed	4,407	+/-703
Divorced	3,403	+/-905

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FERTILITY		
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	1,125	+/-420
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	73	+/-83
Per 1,000 unmarried women	3	+/-3
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	27	+/-10
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	1	+/-5
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	42	+/-18
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	18	+/-13
GRANDPARENTS		
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	1,602	+/-653
Responsible for grandchildren	739	+/-440
Years responsible for grandchildren		
Less than 1 year	56	+/-92
1 or 2 years	258	+/-242
3 or 4 years	91	+/-128
5 or more years	334	+/-281
Characteristics of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years		
Who are female	59.4%	+/-9.7
Who are married	N	N
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT		
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	57,946	+/-2,023
Nursery school, preschool	1,921	+/-411
Kindergarten	1,602	+/-579
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	9,966	+/-622
High school (grades 9-12)	4,989	+/-717
College or graduate school	39,468	+/-2,283
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 years and over	78,781	+/-866
Less than 9th grade	2,458	+/-548
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	3,923	+/-753
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	25,660	+/-1,925
Some college, no degree	8,582	+/-1,186
Associate's degree	6,470	+/-1,228
Bachelor's degree	15,516	+/-1,564
Graduate or professional degree	16,172	+/-1,740
Percent high school graduate or higher	91.9%	+/-1.1
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	40.2%	+/-2.7
VETERAN STATUS		
Civilian population 18 years and over	117,348	+/-346
Civilian veterans	9,401	+/-1,113
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION		
Population 5 years and over	131,947	+/-359
With a disability	15,012	+/-1,864
Population 5 to 15 years	14,162	+/-405
With a disability	655	+/-317
Population 16 to 64 years	102,670	+/-503
With a disability	9,102	+/-1,461
Population 65 years and over	15,115	+/-280
With a disability	5,255	+/-904
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO		
Population 1 year and over	139,876	+/-296
Same house	101,233	+/-3,039
Different house in the U.S.	37,210	+/-2,922
Same county	17,603	+/-2,392
Different county	19,607	+/-2,238
Same state	13,675	+/-2,103

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Different state		5,932	+/-1,213
Abroad		1,433	+/-663
PLACE OF BIRTH			
Total population		140,953	*****
Native		131,189	+/-1,489
Born in United States		130,110	+/-1,618
State of residence		99,954	+/-2,826
Different state		30,156	+/-2,659
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)		1,079	+/-453
Foreign born		9,764	+/-1,489
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS			
Foreign-born population		9,764	+/-1,489
Naturalized U.S. citizen		2,955	+/-962
Not a U.S. citizen		6,809	+/-1,224
YEAR OF ENTRY			
Population born outside the United States		10,843	+/-1,618
Native		1,079	+/-453
Entered 2000 or later		435	+/-287
Entered before 2000		644	+/-360
Foreign born		9,764	+/-1,489
Entered 2000 or later		5,118	+/-1,088
Entered before 2000		4,646	+/-1,288
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN			
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea		N	N
Europe		N	N
Asia		N	N
Africa		N	N
Oceania		N	N
Latin America		N	N
Northern America		N	N
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME			
Population 5 years and over		134,756	+/-306
English only		122,564	+/-1,486
Language other than English		12,192	+/-1,484
Speak English less than "very well"		5,162	+/-1,341
Spanish		2,339	+/-690
Speak English less than "very well"		859	+/-466
Other Indo-European languages		4,163	+/-1,031
Speak English less than "very well"		1,677	+/-649
Asian and Pacific Islander languages		5,226	+/-997
Speak English less than "very well"		2,575	+/-892
Other languages		464	+/-502
Speak English less than "very well"		51	+/-86
ANCESTRY			
Total population		140,953	*****
American		8,288	+/-1,675
Arab		914	+/-630
Czech		789	+/-506
Danish		758	+/-528
Dutch		4,088	+/-906
English		14,345	+/-1,882
French (except Basque)		3,661	+/-1,016
French Canadian		422	+/-381
German		42,552	+/-3,005
Greek		769	+/-679
Hungarian		1,123	+/-644
Irish		20,592	+/-2,651
Italian		11,122	+/-1,954
Lithuanian		795	+/-476

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Norwegian	657	+/-440
Polish	8,324	+/-1,887
Portuguese	172	+/-169
Russian	2,834	+/-844
Scotch-Irish	3,690	+/-1,153
Scottish	4,270	+/-1,083
Slovak	3,139	+/-1,074
Subsaharan African	586	+/-437
Swedish	1,813	+/-747
Swiss	1,090	+/-542
Ukrainian	1,605	+/-894
Welsh	2,973	+/-1,182
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	303	+/-276

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 American Community Survey

Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate arising from sampling variability is represented through the use of a margin of error. The value shown here is the 90 percent margin of error. The margin of error can be interpreted roughly as providing a 90 percent probability that the interval defined by the estimate minus the margin of error and the estimate plus the margin of error (the lower and upper confidence bounds) contains the true value. In addition to sampling variability, the ACS estimates are subject to nonsampling error (for a discussion of nonsampling variability, see [Accuracy of the Data](#)). The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

Notes:

- Ancestry listed in this table refers to the total number of people who responded with a particular ancestry; for example, the estimate given for Russian represents the number of people who listed Russian as either their first or second ancestry. This table lists only the largest ancestry groups; see the Detailed Tables for more categories. Race and Hispanic origin groups are not included in this table because official data for those groups come from the Race and Hispanic origin questions rather than the ancestry question (see Demographic Table).
- The Census Bureau introduced a new skip pattern for the disability questions in the 2003 ACS questionnaire. This change mainly affected two individual items -- go-outside-home disability and employment disability -- and the recode for disability status, which includes the two items. Accordingly, comparisons of data from 2003 or later with data from prior years are not recommended for the relevant questions. For more information, see the [ACS Subject Definitions](#) for Disability.
- Data for year of entry of the native population reflect the year of entry into the U.S. by people who were born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island Areas or born outside the U.S. to a U.S. citizen parent and who subsequently moved to the U.S.
- While the 2006 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the December 2005 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) definitions of metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas, in certain instances the names, codes, and boundaries of the principal cities shown in ACS tables may differ from the OMB definitions due to differences in the effective dates of the geographic entities.

Explanation of Symbols:

1. An '*' entry in the margin of error column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the margin of error. A statistical test is not appropriate.
2. An '-' entry in the estimate column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute an estimate, or a ratio of medians cannot be calculated because one or both of the median estimates falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
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